

ALPINE THEATRE
Marlinton, W. Va. Phone 799-4556
1 Show Nightly at 7:30 P. M. (Except Sunday-9 P. M.)
SUNDAY MATINEE AT 2 P. M.
Theatre Open Sunday & Monday—Thursday, Friday & Saturday
THURS.-FRIDAY-SAT. December 24-25-26

"BIKINI BEACH"
Frankie Avalon—Annette Funicello—Martha Hyer (COLOR)
SUNDAY-MONDAY December 27-28

"I'd Rather Be Rich"
Sandra Dee—Robert Goulet—Andy Williams (COLOR)
THURS.-FRIDAY-SAT Dec. 31 - January 1-2

"McHALE'S NAVY"
Ernest Borgnine—Joe Flynn—Tim Conway
—REGULAR ADMISSION—

the following equipment: a Winchester, repeating shotgun, with shell loaded with an ounce ball. It seems that of late years, the man who carries a twelve gauge shotgun that uses shells each containing an ounce of small shot, may buy at the hardware stores shells in which each has an ounce ball and this ball cartridge when shot from such a shotgun has about the same range as an old time mountain rifle, and it is very effective ammunition for deer and bear.

The bear and dogs were fussing around in a grown up hacking and Sheets was able to shoot Lamé Paw twice before the harassed bear knew that his enemy was on him. One of the ounce balls went through the body near the heart and the other entered near the backbone and ranged back to the ham. The bear went on and the dogs showed their perfect team work, each tugging at a ham, and dodging and coming again.

Sheets followed but for a time it was not possible to shoot on account of the prevalence of the hounds and Sheets having plenty of speed ran around the bear and took his position on a rocky place in a cleft in the cliffs where the bear must pass. And out of the brush the big brute came, and as it happened, he has got rid of the dogs for the time being.

Now a bear being the wisest and most timid of animals where man is concerned will not come in shouting distance if he can help it, but when cornered or attacked there is no animal as dangerous and as hard to stop with a ball. This is what caused them to call the grizzly Ursus Ferox, or the Bear Ferocious. And when a black bear gets as big as a grizzly, as in this case, it is probably the most dangerous of all wild animals. A rugged rushing bear has a tendency to make any man give ground.

In this case the bear, desperately wounded but with all his power, made directly at the hunter, as fast as he could lay his feet to the ground, and the hunter refusing to be a consenting party to his own destruction, in the space of a fraction of a second, took aim and shot Lamé Paw square between the eyes, and the big hunt was over.

On being examined, the worn condition of the teeth indicated an old bear. It was fat as fat could be and the meat was good, to those that like bear meat. Owing to a late spring the hide was in perfect condition, the hair being thick, long, black and glossy.

The bear was thought to have weighed about five hundred pounds, and is the second largest bear that has been killed on the waters of Elk, and that is saying a good deal for there have been hundreds if not thousands killed in those fine bear grounds.

The largest bear was fourteen inches between the ears, and was the famous Williams River sheep killing bear killed on Elk in 1910 by Samuel Gibson. He was generally referred to as the Old Hellion, and he lived on Williams River and Elk River for years and actually put some farmers out of the sheep business. That was the time when farmers hung up lanterns on their farms at night.

On the 30th day of April, 1910, as near as we can figure out, Old Hellion visited the Old Field Fork of Elk and killed three sheep and ate his fill and left a sheep for further reference in the woods of the Gauley side of Elk about half a mile from Gibson's house on the river.

Gibson had a bear trap that weighed sixty pounds and he set it at a place that the bear

would pass in going to the sheep and then staked three guns near the trap. That was the first day of May. That night at 11 o'clock Gibson thought he heard the sound of a gun, and he got up and went on the porch and discussed with other members of the family, who were awake, whether he had really heard a shot or not, and as he stood there, the two other guns boomed out in an unmistakable manner. The guns set had been a 32 Winchester, a 44 Winchester, and a Winchester shotgun.

The question then before the house was whether it was the proper thing to go to the place at once or wait the slow coming of daylight. The sensible thing to do seemed to be wait until morning, and if old Hellion was dead the carcass would be there in the morning, and if he was not dead he was no fit and proper person to meet up with at midnight. But Gibson had still another gun, another 44 Winchester, that he could rely upon, and he took a lantern and went forth to see what all the shooting was about.

All was quiet until he got almost to the spot and then there was a terrible commotion. The bear had got the trap on a front foot and had been shot three times and had tried to go away and had traveled some twenty or thirty feet into a thicket and there the drag on the trap had caught in the root and anchored the brute.

When the hunter came near, the bear commenced to thrash about in the brush and beat



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The sixty pound trap on the logs in a frenzied manner, and growl and snort, so that the family at the house anxiously listening a half mile away could hear plainly.

Gibson was there in the mountain in the night time and he could not see the bear or tell just what was going on. He could not understand why the bear did not come out of that. He could not handle the lantern and hold the gun too, but about that time a bright moon came up and shone on the scene.

Gibson decided to go into the thicket and shoot the bear that by this time was crouching somewhere just out of sight. Never was a man in more danger. He got to a place in the brush where he was within a few feet of the bear. The bear raised on his hind feet so close to the hunter that the hunter felt the chain of the trap come up between his legs and there within a gun's length

DURBIN THEATRE
DURBIN, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 26 and 27
Spencer's Mountain
Henry Fonda—Maureen O'Hara (Technicolor)
DURBIN, Sat. & Sun., Jan. 2-3
"Kiss of the Vampire"
(Color)

of him stood the bear, ready to fall on him, and the hunter raised his gun and shot the bear through the heart, and the great brute fell down dead at the hunter's feet.

The bear was estimated to weigh six hundred pounds. The hide was eight feet six inches long by seven feet, six inches wide, and it is probably the biggest and best bear hide ever taken in this country. It is now a rug in the office of Dr. Parr, Martins Ferry, Ohio.

The record showed that the bear had come for the sheep and had stepped in the trap and that had set off the spring gun shooting the 44 ball. This shot had hit the bear in the jaw. Then as he struggled with the trap, he let off the shot gun that had hit him behind the shoulder but had not penetrated the cavity of the body. The 32 gun had hit the bear squarely b-hind the ear and the ball lay flattened against the skull.

The fact that the old time mountain rifle would not shock a bear sufficiently to stop it unless the shot penetrated the brain or the heart, made bear chasing a sport that depended on the strategy of the bear dog. The hunter had to be greatly favored to be able to kill a brute. If a bear took to a tree it was not particularly difficult, but the biggest and most dangerous bears would not tree from hounds, and if a shot came from a mountain rifle it generally resulted in the bear going away from that place and being lost. So the old time hunters who got the most bears had a habit of carrying a very large and sharp hunting knife and when a bear was bayed they would go in and stab the bear to the heart by reaching over the back and using the knife on the opposite side from that on which they stood. In this way the bear struck from them and did not harm them, whereas, if they had stabbed from the other side on which they stood the bear would rip them up with a stroke of the paw.

This country we are writing about is where the late Hugh Sharp lived his long and interesting life. He was a prosperous farmer, but his pleasures consisted of bears and bees. He hunted the first and cherished the last. He had many bear scalps to his name. He was a great friend of Johnny Phillips, of Fairmont, and it was there that Johnny Phillips came bearing all the earmarks of a tenderfoot on his first visit. About the time he arrived, a deer fleeing before the hounds came flashing by the house and Phillips shot five times and hit the deer each time and brought it down; next day he shot mark with the local hunters and beat them all. He happened to be a crack shot and he could shoot all around the local talent, and so he made good with them and was accepted into the brotherhood.

How the account stands

L. P. Bear	In account with	Man & Co.
To sheep destroyed in 8 years	\$8000	
By hide and meat	\$100	
Balance	\$7900	
Total	\$8000	

GREETINGS
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Lame Paw
(continued from last week)

The chase came near the places where James Gibson and Charles Sheets were standing, and the hunters who were close together both started to run to the hounds, for they could tell that the hunt had passed them and that the bear was at bay fighting the hounds. The two hunters ran in company a mile or more but there was that difference: James Gibson is sixty-eight years old and after the first mile finds that his age somewhat affects him though still sound in wind and limb. Charles Sheets is in his twenties and does not mind how far

he has to run. Seeing Mr. Gibson slow up in the foot race, Mr. Sheets slowed up also and said that he would wait and go on with Mr. Gibson at a slower pace. Mr. Gibson thanked him for his courtesy but observed that it was so important to get that particular bear that it would be just as well for Mr. Sheets to proceed to the place where the bear was raising the devil with the hounds, and not to stand on ceremony, so Mr. Sheets came to the bear.

Lame Paw, twelve inches between the ears, was trying to put his paw on the dog, and when the paw came down the dog was elsewhere. Sheets had

With best wishes and personal greetings

Merry Christmas may peace and happiness be among your gifts. 1964

Marlinton Motor Sales
NEXT SALE - Tuesday, Dec. 29
Livestock Auction
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MARLINTON, WEST VIRGINIA

1964
Merry Christmas
Wishing you a memorable, joyful Christmas holiday.
Curry's Super Market

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CHEERS
1964
The Earl Moore Family

MAY Christmas 1964
JOY be yours
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HOLIDAY HINTS
... by Penny Power

As many mince pies as you taste at Christmas, so many happy months will you have in the New Year!

OLD ENGLISH SAYING

Remove stains from your best holiday linens as soon as possible. Cranberry juice, for instance, can be stubborn. Rub stain with glycerine before pouring boiling water on it. Or soak the stain first in cold water, then rub with a cut lemon before consigning to your electric washer.

For the present with a future, keep these electric helpers in mind when you're making out your list: electric blanket, cordless toothbrush set, blender, can opener, ice crusher, clock, mixer, rotisserie, electric skillet, slicing knife, dishwasher... there are more than 100 electric gifts to give—or hint for!

(The electricity to power these gifts continues to be dependable, low in price and high in value, thanks to the more than 300 investor-owned electric companies all over the country—companies just like ours. Working hard and working together, we have made electricity the biggest value in the American family's budget.)

Let the children make strings of "spangles" for the outdoor tree, or to hang in the window. Save ends of small-sized frozen juice cans (they cut cleanly with your electric can opener), then fasten with tiny dabs of glue or clear cement, eight or ten "spangles" to a string.

Ever wonder how this country happens to have the best electric service in the world? The answer is: People... three important groups of people... more than 4,000,000 Americans who invest their savings with electric companies to help them build and grow. Then, the thousands of employees of those companies who put the money to work to provide the abundance of electric power "at your service." The third group is the biggest and most important of all. It is you, the customers, who constantly find new ways to put electric service to work!

All of us here at your electric service company send all of you, our shareholders and customers, the very best of holiday greetings!

Watch GORDON AND SHEILA MACRAE and the 'ICE FOLLIES', Sunday, Dec. 27, 7:30 P.M., E.S.T., ABC-TV.

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1964
Our sincere greetings to all our friends during this happy holiday season.

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We've teed off to wish you the merriest Christmas ever.

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